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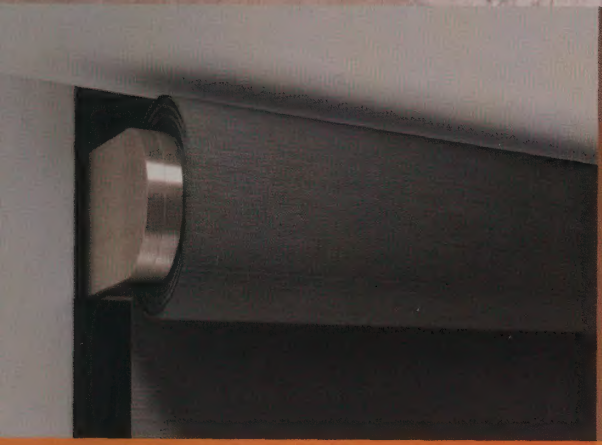

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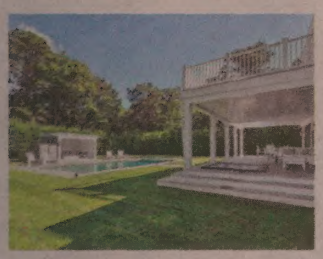

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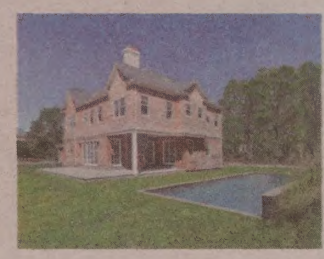

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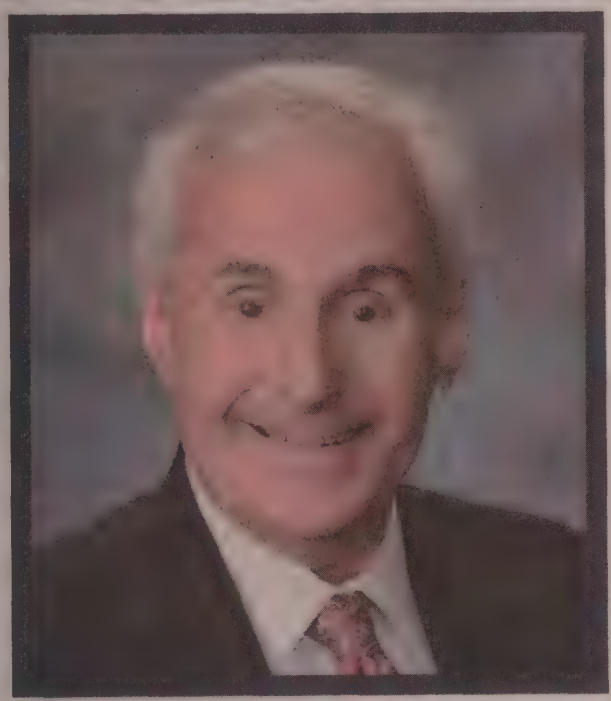

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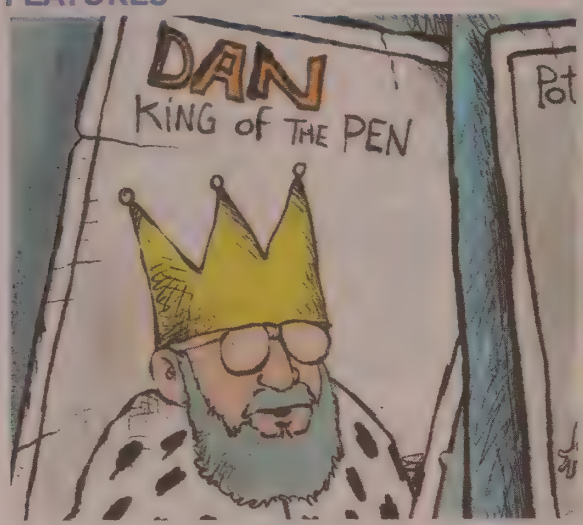

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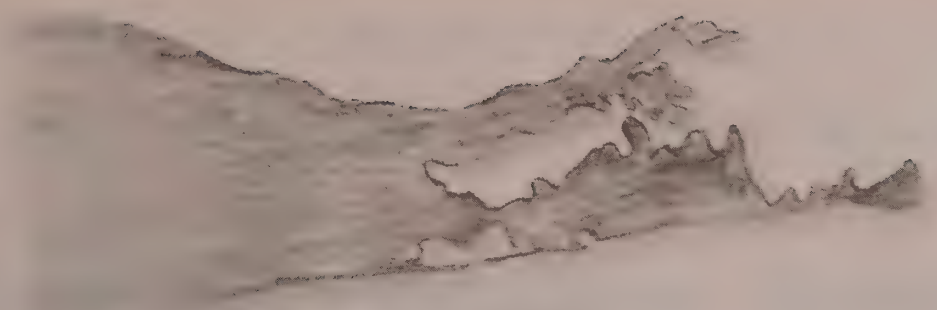

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

WHAT TO DO. WHERE TO GO. WHERE TO PLAY.

Nancy Atlas: Fireside Sessions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 8 P.M.

Bay Street Theater and *Dan's Papers* present the ultimate Hamptons winter concert experience—starring East End all-star Nancy Atlas, her wildly popular Nancy Atlas Project band and special musical guests. The 2020 lineup, which runs through January 25, kicks off with rock legend Simon Kirke of Bad Company Saturday, January 4, then continues each consecutive Saturday with Brian Mitchell, Clark Gayton, Randi Fishenfeld, Jonny Rosch and Danny Kean. No matter the night's musical genre, Atlas will set the theater ablaze with her passionate, incomparable sound. Tickets are $35.

Bay Street Theater, 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500, baystreet.org

Meet Laura...

6 Time Cancer Survivor

and New York Cancer Foundation Recipient

"Hi, my name is Laura. In 2014 I was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer. I went through 20 weeks of chemo and later found out it had metastasized to my brain."

(L to R) Nicolette, Laura, Christopher

What were your intial thoughts upon diagnosis?
I couldn't believe it. I decided I was going to get through it and I did. I thought I was free and clear, then it came back so I had to fight it again. That's who I am, a Fighter.

How did your diagnosis affect your family?
The diagnosis affected my family because ultimately, I couldn't work. We were impacted physically, emotionally, and financially. My children didn't want to see their Mom sick. They were there for me and they just wanted to see me get better. My parents have been there for me every step of the way even when we had to move back in with them.

Was your employer supportive?
I was a manager of a supermarket chain for 30 years. Unfortunately, [they] have not been very supportive because I was a financial burden on them due to my medical insurance. I had to apply for Social Security disability which barely covered the costs for myself and my two children.

What does the New York Cancer Foundation mean to you?
They are like angels to me. They've helped me in so many ways. I just can't even express the gratitude. They helped us out financially and emotionally. Actually, at the time when I was working, they came to my job and collected whatever information they needed. They've been there for me every step of the way. They have gone way beyond my expectations. They've helped me with my rent, utilities, and food. I'm forever grateful.

What do you say to someone who is considering donating to the New York Cancer Foundation?
I would tell them that you may not realize it because you're not going through it, but you are going to help somebody out. So your donation no matter how small or how big it will help relieve the stresses on a person fighting cancer. It will help immensely.

What are the first words that come to mind when you think about the New York Cancer Foundation?

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About the New York Cancer Foundation
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"WINTER LANDSCAPES" EXHIBITION
DECEMBER 27–29 & JANUARY 3–5, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.

Join MM Fine Art in celebrating the winter season with a group exhibition showcasing works by master landscape artists Rainer Andreesen, Stephanie Brody-Lederman, Terry Elkins, Cornelia Foss, Sean Friloux, Susan Grossman, Bruce Lieberman, Michael Meehan, Jon Mulhern and Daniel Sprick. *Winter Landscapes* is on view through January 19.

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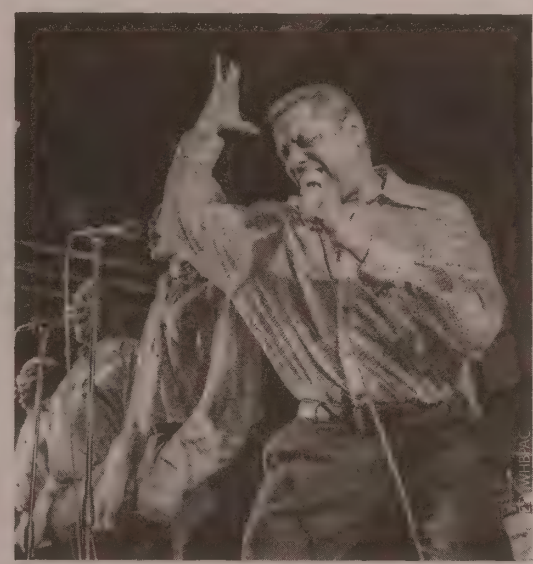

DESTINATION MOTOWN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 8 P.M.

One of New Jersey's best-kept secrets and the longtime favorite house band at New York City's famed Copacabana, the Sensational Soul Cruisers are not your average 11-man vocal harmony group with horns. While it may be possible to find a band with a similar lineup, it's unlikely you'll ever find another that performs with as much energy, passion and talent. Tickets are $55.

Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center
76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach
631-288-1500, whbpac.org

STOMP
DECEMBER 31–JANUARY 1, TIMES VARY

The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments—matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, lighters, hubcaps—to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. STOMP is explosive, inventive, provocative, unique and an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages. See what all the noise is about. Tickets are $69–$89.

Patchogue Theatre
71 East Main Street, Patchogue
631-286-1133, thegateway.org

EAST END NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, TIMES VARY

Ring in the new year with dining, dancing and toasting the Roaring '20s at wild parties hitting the Hamptons and North Fork—including New Year's Laugh, Dine and Dance; The Clubhouse Black Party; G.E. Smith and Booga Sugar concerts, Gurney's Gatsby-inspired soirée, Southampton Social Club New Year's Eve Party and others. For local event listings, visit DansPapers.com/Events.

Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa,
Suffolk Theater, Long Island Aquarium,
The Stephen Talkhouse and other East End venues

FIRST DAY HIKES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, NOON

Start 2020 on the right foot by taking a one-mile hike to and along the Hallock State Park Preserve beachfront on Long Island Sound to check for cold-stunned sea turtles and to pick up beach trash blown in by the winter storms. The event starts with a short presentation on the dangers that local marine life face. For more information, email hallocksp@parks.ny.gov.

Hallock State Park Preserve
6062 Sound Avenue, Northville
631-315-5475, parks.ny.gov/parks/181

FILM & TALK: "SANCTUARY"
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 6 P.M.

Join *Artists Choose Artists* juror and environmental activist Lillian Ball for a film premiere about the Lumbini Crane Sanctuary in Nepal. The documentary follows monk Venerable Metteyya as he seeks to reverse plans to replace the natural wonder with hotels. A conversation with Ball and Parrish Director Terrie Sultan takes place after the screening. Tickets are $12.

Parrish Art Museum
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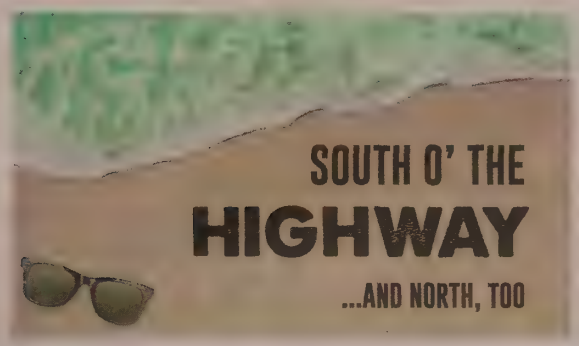

This year, South O' the Highway was filled with exciting, juicy celebrity news and gossip. From musicians to authors to actors and everyone in-between, check out these great celeb moments from 2019.

January 11: Beyoncé and **Jay-Z** are good for business. After the East Hampton power couple featured the Louvre in their "Apes—t" video, the Paris museum welcomed 10.2 million visitors in 2018, a 25% increase from the previous year. Crediting Bey and Jay-Z with the boost, the museum launched a 90-minute "Jay-Z and Beyoncé at the Louvre" tour in July.

January 18: Amagansett's **Gwyneth Paltrow** is kicking off 2019 with a new book. *The Clean Plate: Eat, Reset, Heal,* featuring more than 100 healthy recipes designed to detox, hit shelves this week. Dishes include Turkey Meatball Pho, Butternut Squash Tacos, Cashew Turmeric Iced Lattes and more. Said *Publisher's Weekly,* "Partnering with nutrition experts and doctors, Paltrow focuses on adrenal and heart health... providing instruction for a heavy metal detox and fat flush to cleanse the liver...Goop fans will no doubt flock to this."

MADONNA

January 25: Madonna fans can see another side of the Bridgehampton resident in Madonna and the Breakfast Club, an upcoming film about the singer's pre-fame life. The docudrama explores the Material Girl's early days in New York City. Madonna and the Breakfast Club will release via digital and on-demand platforms on March 12.

February 1: Water Mill resident **Alan Alda** received the Screen Actors Guild's Lifetime Achievement Award during the 25th Annual SAG Awards in Los Angeles last Sunday. After a moving introductory tribute by Tom Hanks, Alda said in his acceptance speech, "My wish for all is, let's stay playful, let's have fun, and let's keep searching. It can't solve everything, but it wouldn't hurt."

February 1: Shelter Island resident and *Watch What Happens Live* host **Andy Cohen** celebrated the pending arrival of his first child with a star-studded baby shower last Saturday. Held at The Palm Beverly Hills, the bash was attended by *Real Housewives* stars **Kyle Richards**, **Vicki Gunvalson**, **Ramona Singer**, **NeNe Leakes** and others. *Real Housewives of New Jersey* star **Teresa Giudice** organized and hosted the event.

February 8: Marisa Tomei and Montauk resident **Julianne Moore** are cousins! The connection was discovered when Tomei recently appeared on the PBS show *Finding Your Roots.*

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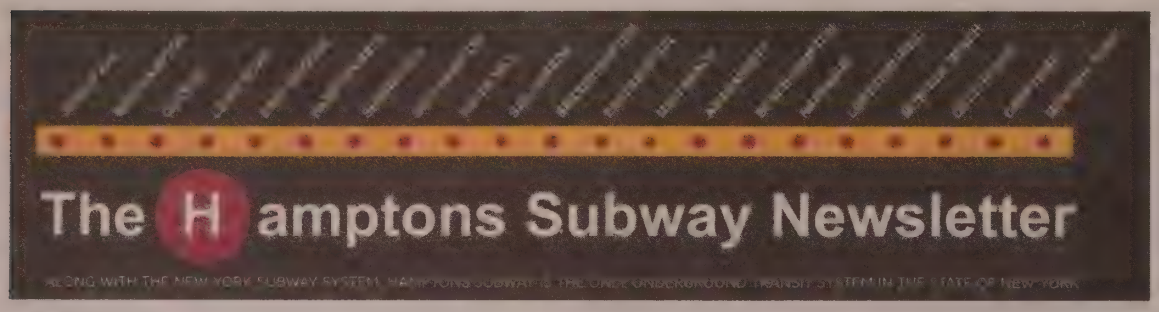

BY DAN RATTINER

Week of December 26–January 1, 2019
Riders this past week: 38,411
Rider miles this past week: 109,524

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Michael Bloomberg with his special 10-man and one-woman Secret Service Unit were seen riding the subway between Sag Harbor and Bridgehampton on Thursday.

SUBWAY SERVICE INTERRUPTION

As we have done for the past nine years, the Hamptons Subway will be out of service from December 31 at noon until either the third or fourth of January.

During this time, the annual Hamptons Subway New Year's Eve Celebration and parade, a legendary affair that has been reported around the world every year will take place throughout our tunnels and on all our platforms. As always, everyone is invited, free of charge and a good time will be had by all including as last year the Rockettes, the Green Bay Packers, all the Academy Award Winners (it's a requirement of winning) and bands and floats from Universities, Cities, States and Countries all over the world and a massive fireworks show by Grucci at midnight every night for as long as the celebration lasts, each night introduced by one or another of the world's leaders. We can't predict that President Trump will attend and dance with Nancy Pelosi as he did last year on January 3, but the Kardashians will be here as will JLo and Madonna, Beyoncé and Jay-Z, Jerry Seinfeld and the winners of the Rio de Janeiro Pole Dance competition.

The party usually lasts 72 hours, day and night, without interruption and then nine months later there is always that bump in the birth statistics nationwide. All are welcome, including those jailed who get released from select prisons for the occasion—we hope there's more this year than last—chaperoned by guards of course to prevent trouble. And don't forget, no matter whether the party continues or not, the ceremonial sacrifice of a goat accompanied by the sounding of a ram's horn, will take place as usual at noon on January 3 on the Water Mill platform.

In any case, we expect that no matter what, trash will be cleaned up, sleeping attendees will be carted away and whatever part of the subway system that's been broken—turnstiles, news stands, signage, escalators and whatever—will all be completely repaired and back in service by January 6 at 7 a.m. at the very latest.

NEW MARKETING DIRECTOR FIRED

Henrietta Peterson, the Hamptons Subway marketing director for the last week has been summarily fired for producing a five-minute recording that she instructed be played when any subway leaves any station. It consisted of a full reading of all the things you are not permitted to do on the subway system, the full eleven page manual, which mentions firearms, harassment, taking up two seats, sleeping, spitting, cursing, panhandling, doing gymnastics, groping, shouting, fist fighting, stealing, passing gas, drinking alcohol from a bottle whether inside a paper bag or not, wearing a disguise, stabbing people getting on and off the subway with an umbrella during rainstorms and jumping down onto the tracks for whatever reason—suicide, stress or to pick up a dropped cellphone or jumping down onto the tracks to help others who have jumped on the tracks back on the platform.

Many people complained on the very first day that this announcement over and over gave them headaches, and quite a few said they missed their stop because they wanted to hear the whole thing to its end. We apologize for this stupid decision. Pamphlets on what to do or not do are always available at the information booths at all platforms.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

Hope you had a good year. I did.

Police BLOTTER

BY OLIVER PETERSON

TOP 5 HAMPTONS POLICE BLOTTER STORIES OF 2019

Our weekly Hamptons Police Blotter has long been a favorite section for *Dan's Papers* and DansPapers.com readers who devour a feast of fantastical tales and hijinks from the files of our local Hamptons Police Department. With 2019 in the rear view mirror, we're taking a look back at your five favorite entries from the past 12 months. It's a strange world out there on the beat.

HAMPTONS POLICE SEEK THIEF WHO STOLE $42 MILLION FROM PARKED CAR

One of the first crimes reported in 2019 was also one of the Blotter's biggest stories of the year. The Hamptons Police Department remains on the hunt for a thief who stole cash and items worth a total of at least $42 million from a car parked in East Hampton that week. The treasure trove, pulled from the trunk, center console and floor of a relatively unassuming vintage Mercedes-Benz, included $8 million in cash and $2 million in Swiss bearer bonds, along with a antique Fabergé egg worth at least $9.6 million, and an original Stradivarius violin worth $16 million. Police confirm the items reported stolen were indeed in the car and could clearly be seen in footage from a nearby security camera, which caught the thief in action. Almost one year later, the perpetrator has still not been identified.

MONTAUK SURFER CHARGED WITH KILLING SHARK THAT ATTACKED HIM

In April, Hamptons PD was criticized for arresting a local big wave surfer Finn Squalicibo for his role in the death of an immature great white shark off Montauk over the weekend. Squalocibo was paddling out past the breakers near Ditch Plains beach on a Friday morning when the 6-foot predator got hold of his arm. He was able to break free safely, only tearing his thick wetsuit, but the beast went back for a second bite, taking a jagged piece of Squalocibo's fiberglass board in the process.

Later, the shark was found washed up dead below the bluffs, apparently due to mortal wounds it received while trying to swallow the man's sharp surfboard. A necropsy revealed the surfer's name on the board fragment, giving police solid proof of his guilt in killing the endangered animal. Months later, in November, Squalocibo was sentenced to a year in prison and 18 months of community service, despite a major outcry from community members who argued he was only trying to survive the shark's attack.

Meanwhile, the case has led local environmentalists and animal advocates to seek legislation banning fiberglass surfboards, which they deem "too dangerous for attacking sharks." The Hamptons Municipal Board will rule on the matter before summer 2020.

PIPING PLOVERS CAUSED A PLETHORA OF PROBLEMS FOR THE HPD IN 2019

SOUTHAMPTON BILLIONAIRE HATCHES PLOVER-THE-TOP SCHEME

Hamptons Police Department and East End Fish & Wildlife Protectorate agents arrested tech billionaire and summer homeowner Benedict Avianos in June after they learned he had illegally transported a colony of nesting piping plovers onto the beach in front of his oceanfront mansion. Avianos hired a crew to collect at least two dozen of the birds and their eggs—which are protected as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act—from a neighboring beach in Southampton's estate section, and moved them to the dunes and sands directly in front of his home. He then notified local authorities about the nesting birds, hoping they would close the beach to the public, keeping it free of unwanted visitors.

At the time of his arrest, Avianos complained, "Is it a crime to want my private property to actually be private? The local government and our Trustees are the guilty ones—not me!" Hamptons District Attorney Gary Granthaler is seeking the steepest punishment, including jail time instead of fines, since money is no object to the billionaire. He was freed on $15,000 bail and is still awaiting trial and sentencing.

FLASH MOB MARRIAGE PROPOSAL GOES TERRIBLY WRONG IN SAG HARBOR

It certainly wasn't the biggest crime of 2019, but Blotter fans enjoyed a bit of schadenfreude while reading about the mayhem following a man's grand but outdated romantic gesture. Unfortunately, his girlfriend's until-then-hidden panic disorder revealed itself in the worst way as the man and his would-be betrothed neared Long Wharf at the north end of town. Hundreds of paid and volunteer pedestrians froze, briefly creating an eerie scene before The Black Eyed Peas hit "I Gotta Feeling" began playing loudly and the crowd broke into a synchronized dance. "The lady's face went deathly pale as soon as we all froze," one flash mob dancer recalled. "We thought she'd smile and realize what was happening once we started moving, but things got worse from there."

Police reports confirm that the woman [name withheld] "showed signs of serious distress" as the music kicked in, and her boyfriend tore off his clothes to reveal a tuxedo hidden beneath. She began hyperventilating and attempting to push her way through the undulating, gyrating and jumping crowd of dancers, knocking several people to the ground. She then started screaming and punching people, including her shocked boyfriend. After police restrained the terrified woman and loaded her onto an ambulance, her boyfriend wept openly, apologizing to the injured dancers. "He said he didn't expect her reaction to be like it was," a witness said, adding, "I'd say that was obvious and the understatement of the year."

ODD ANIMAL FRIENDSHIP EXPLAINS FLYING DOG MYSTERY

HPD Fish & Game wardens eased hysteria around a reported flying dog in Hampton Bays this July after concluding people were actually seeing a bald eagle carrying a teacup Yorkie in its talons as it flew over area homes. The story, however, was not as terrible as it sounds—the 2-year-old Yorkie, named Lana, and the eagle, who they named Eagalus, were actually friends," HPD Fish & Game Warden Brent Smithers explained. "The pair had enjoyed quite a bit of cavorting and play in Lana's backyard, her owners tell us, and it seems Eagalus just wanted to take the dog for a ride."

While Lana was safe, the eagle brought her to its nest high atop a cell tower some 90 feet above the ground in Sears Bellows County Park, leading police to mount a complex rescue effort involving a drone, a jar of pickled herring and a trampoline. Lana is now back at home, but she's no longer permitted to socialize with her feathered friend.

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Toasting a Terrific 2019

We all raised many a glass, and fork, throughout the 60th Summer Celebration Year of Dan's Papers—mostly at the myriad Dan's Taste of Summer events that showcased the top food, drink, chefs, winemakers and more across the Hamptons and the North Fork. From Rosé Soirée to GrillHampton, Taste of Two Forks to MonTaco, Chefs of the Hamptons to Chefs of the North Fork, here's a quick look back at a tasty 2019 and a toast to a delicious year to come!

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1. The Spectacular Chefs of Taste of Two Forks
2. Grillhampton host **David Burtka**
3. **Stephan Bogardus, Claudia Fleming, Jennilee Morris, Lauren Lombardi**
4. **Erin McGuiness and Alex Diard,** *The Palm by Whispering Angel*
5. Chefs **Dane Sayles, Colin Murray, Jeremy Blustein, David Piacente, Stephan Bogardus**
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7. **Takara Sewitt** and **Eric Miller,** BMW
8. **Fabian Gallardo** plays to the crowd after winning the Corona People's Choice Award
9. **Roger Rosenblatt, Dan, Jules Feifer**
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Predictions for 2020

Bloomberg, Poodles, Trump, Algae, Greenland, Southampton & More

BY DAN RATTINER

Sometime in mid-June, scientists discover that the large quantities of red algae that clog the ponds and lakes in the Hamptons are a miraculous cure for almost everything when used for medicinal purposes. It is such a sensational discovery, the Town Trustees quickly become rich and buy up all the Wall Street mansions in the Hamptons. With these waterfront palaces, they can supervise the daily harvests and re-seedings by looking out the windows.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg wins the election and becomes President of the United States in November. His home in Southampton becomes the Summer White House. Bloomberg's campaign slogan "Able to See Putin Eye to Eye" carries the day. Both Bloomberg and Putin are 5 foot 7. Trump is 6 foot 3.

After Britain leaves the EU in January, Scotland, Northern Island and Wales become independent. Britain, now broke, appeals to the United States, which buys Greenland and gives it to Britain, thus giving Britain enough land area to keep its place as a world power.

In June, however, the Hamptons declares its independence from America, saying it will be better off with its own customs, economy and way of life. This results in a "good riddance" tweet from Trump, but in November, after the election of Bloomberg, realizing his Summer White House is now in a foreign country, he sends out feelers to get the Hamptons back.

Seven luxury pop-up stores appear in Southampton and East Hampton on June 16, but in rising up out of the ground kill 11 pedestrians and injure 52 others.

In late June, the owners of two 190-foot yachts get into a fistfight while trying to maneuver their ships into the last available berth at Sag Harbor's Long Wharf. One ship sinks. The other pulls into the spot.

In August, millions of formerly endangered piping plovers attack beachgoers at several town beaches and drive them away. The New York State Department of Environmental Preservation declares the Hamptons beaches off limits to humans.

When it's learned in July that the owners of the offshore windfarms definitely want to bring their powerlines to shore at Wainscott, a group of wealthy environmentalists from that town pay to fire up all 22 of the existing 19th century windmills in the area—which, as it turns out,

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In August, researchers find photographs in the basement of the Pollock-Krasner House in Springs showing that Jackson Pollock, up on a ladder and dripping paint onto canvases in the backyard of his home there back in the 1940s, did so while blindfolded.

In the beginning of July, East Hampton Town passes a law making it legal for people to land helicopters on their property. Immediately, the noise and congestion out at the airport comes to an end.

In May, the Hampton Classic Horse Show announces it has purchased the Hamptons International Film Festival and that when the festival comes around in October, it will only be showing films about cowboys, rodeo riders, horse racing, betting, teenage girls and their steeds, polo, stall mucking and the Pony Express.

In May, North Korean Leader Kim Jong-Un again begins making frightening threats about imminent nuclear attacks on cities—but this time the cities will be Shanghai and Beijing. Kim, having learned of the Uyghur concentration camps, now says he's discovered the Chinese want to move into North Korea and take over and dismantle his kingdom. "They want to sterilize us and make us speak Chinese," he says.

Steve Cohen, the billionaire, completes his purchase of the New York Mets and announces the team is so much worse than he imagined, he is withdrawing it from the Major Leagues and will move it to Hampton Bays, where they will be a Triple A team playing as the Hampton Mets in his newly built Cohen Coliseum. First at-bat will take place in the fall.

An appeals court in October reverses the decision of a lower court and declares that all the land between the Shinnecock Canal and Water Mill rightly belongs to the Shinnecock Indian Nation, who were illegally snookered out of their land by the settlers in 1845. The nation immediately receives mail from both the Shinnecock Golf Course and the U.S. Open, begging to be allowed to continue.

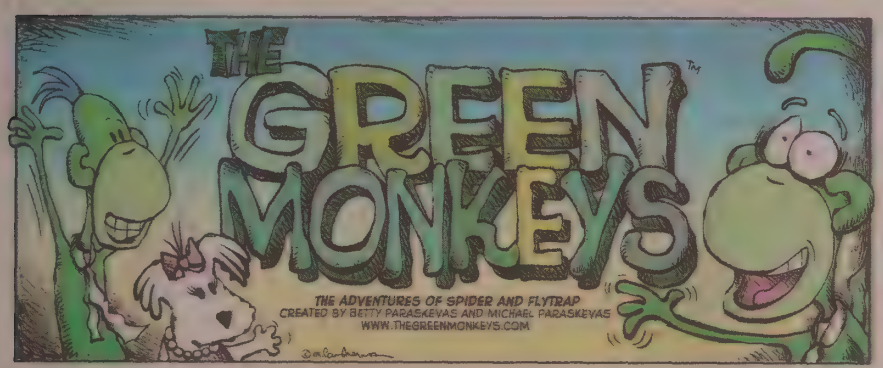
Environmentalists cheered in 2019 when the bald eagle, an endangered species gone from the scene for more than half a century in the Hamptons, was found to be making a comeback. In 2020, however, with dozens of pairs of them stunningly swooping around up in Noyac and Promised Land using their awesome six-foot wingspans, a few have been found to have gone off with several toy poodles lifted off summer residents' backyards. As a result, in September, the towns ban the ownership of any dog weighing less than 18 pounds and a massive dog exodus begins. In October, though, a couple is jailed when it's found that their little nine-pound-and-illegal chihuahua has been leaping up, clawing down and killing swooping eagles in flight.

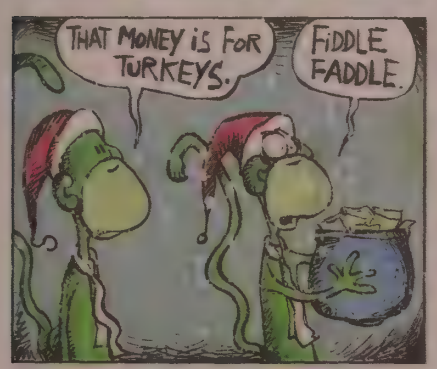
> *In July, East Hampton Town passes a law making it legal for people to land helicopters on their property.*

Powerful telescopes in the Hamptons, focusing on the full moon, discover in February that it has been taken over by unknown persons who are using it as a surveillance device.

In April, the Village of Sagaponack, learning that the annual survey done by the U.S. Postal Service showing they are the richest zip code in America is no longer true and they have dropped to third, embarks on a letter-writing campaign in the belief that if more letters get sent from their post office, their dominance will be restored. When this is shown to be a useless effort a month later and it all goes viral, Sagaponack is seen as a laughing stock and the effort is quickly but quietly ended.

After intense lobbying by the eyeglass industry, the federal government passes a bill in March saying that because it's 2020, it will require all people in the United States to have their eyes tested to make sure they have 20-20 vision. It's a matter of public safety, they say. Those who fail this test must buy eyeglasses. Trump signs the bill into law, but not until after he adds an amendment that says anyone with less than 20-20 eyesight has to be sent back to where they came from.





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Einstein Square

The Mural at New Park in Southold Celebrates Einstein's Summer Here

BY DAN RATTINER

Over the years, people who have changed the world have come to the East End. Andy Warhol was one. Marilyn Monroe was another. Albert Einstein was a third. Few people in history have changed the world as Einstein did. And now, just a few months ago, a small new private park, available to all for sitting, reading or just contemplating the universe, opened facing out on Main Street in Southold, not far from where Einstein rented a beach cottage on West Cove Road on the Nassau Point peninsula in Cutchogue in 1939.

The park, called Einstein Square, is in an empty lot between two stores on the south side of Main Street in Southold. One of the two stores is a music and antique shop run by Ron Rothman. The other was, until recently, Rothman's Department Store, a store that had everything and was a hangout for Einstein during that summer he was here. Now it is for rent, and the owners of the property are looking for a tenant who might celebrate the legacy of Einstein—perhaps a coffee house—and honoring a man who worked in his cottage trying with chalk and blackboard and mathematical equations to prove his Unified Field Theory. He never succeeded in doing so, but he spent the last half of his life trying.

During those days of June, July and August beneath the summer sun, he enjoyed sunbathing, swimming and sailing in Horseshoe Cove and Peconic Bay in a tiny, wooden eight-foot catboat he'd had shipped out here. He called his boat *Tinef*, which in Yiddish means "little trifle." He also came to play violin with a few local musicians at the home of David Rothman, the store owner in town he'd met early on, on Friday evenings. As a quartet, they played Mozart and Bach and Beethoven and had dinner together.

The famous formula E=mc2, which changed science's view of the universe, came to Einstein when he was living in Germany as a young man. When Hitler came to power, Einstein was already quite famous, though he soon became an unrelenting critic of Adolph Hitler. As a result, he felt his life might be in danger, and one day, about to embark on an extended tour abroad, he locked up his longtime home in Germany and told his wife, "look long and hard on this place for you may never see it again." Sure enough, while on tour, Hitler's thugs broke into Einstein's home during the night, confiscated Elsa's kitchen knives, having declared them "weapons," and even confiscated Einstein's boat, which they said had been used for smuggling.

Indeed, Einstein and his wife did not come back to Germany. Finishing their American tour, they came back to Belgium, where Einstein denounced his German citizenship, sailed off to the safety of England, and soon thereafter chose to accept a position at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Princeton. He and his wife Elsa moved there in 1933.

It was in 1939, with the Institute for Advanced Studies on summer sabbatical, that Einstein, still recovering after the passing of his wife in 1936, came to rent his little beach house facing out onto the cove. He was 60 years old at this time and he wanted only to lose himself in his work and enjoy the beach. Accompanying him were his sister, Maja, his stepdaughter, Margot, his son, Hans, and his secretary Helen Dukakas. Also, his little Airedale terrier.

EINSTEIN SQUARE IN SOUTHOLD

Among guests visiting him were friends from Princeton and also two other scientists who, in 1939—at a time when the war against Nazi Germany was about to begin—had driven out to ask him if he would write a letter to President Roosevelt urging the creation of a laboratory to attempt to create an atomic bomb, because the Germans were already trying to do that. He wrote the letter and, because of it, the lab at Oak Ridge Tennessee was created, atomic energy was harnessed, and World War II ended sooner rather than later after atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

At Einstein Square in Southold you will find a historic marker, a statue of Einstein facing the street, a half-dozen stone benches set amongst flowers and planters, several USB charging stations and a grand mural, eight feet wide, on the side of the Rothman store, showing Einstein in his baggy shorts, sandals and t-shirt, sitting alongside David Rothman, the department store owner, in tie and jacket, discussing the state of the world and what concerto might be among the pieces they would play on Friday night.

No wonder, he later told friends, that his summer in Southold was the happiest summer, ever. Consider all he had been through.

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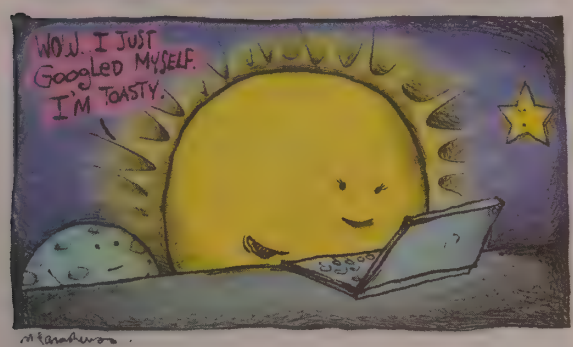
Internet Horror

Is It Possible Global Warming Is Caused by Massive Internet Use?

BY DAN RATTINER



As this is written, about one third of America does not believe that global warming is caused by the burning of coal, oil, gasoline and other fossil fuels. That's a lot of people. Do they know something that the rest of the people don't know? They say the Earth has always gone through cooling and heating cycles. They say it's predicted in the Bible there will be global warming. They even say that some scientists say yes, it's fossil fuels, and some scientists say no, it isn't, so who you gonna believe?

I recall Donald Trump sitting down with Al Gore just after the 2016 election and listening to him for an hour, after which Trump said it's depending on which scientist you ask, so he withdrew from the plan to stop using fossil fuels as agreed to by the Paris Agreement.

I also recall around 1980 when a massive hole began appearing in the ozone layer of our atmosphere during certain times of year. It was originally thought that this alarming problem was caused by fossil fuels and global warming, but soon it was found a substance called CFCs and used in freezers and air conditioners were the cause. The use of CFCs was subsequently banned worldwide, and now the hole is getting smaller. It is expected to be gone by 2050.

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So this has got me thinking. What if global warming is caused by something else? Indeed, beginning around 1980, when global warming began in earnest, there was something else that began putting a chokehold on the Earth.

The internet.

I'm not exactly sure what the internet is. I know it's invisible. And obviously it has become huge. Two billion people today have Facebook pages. Five billion have cellphones. You can Skype with somebody in Australia or Greenland or India and it doesn't cost a thing. Somehow something gets rippled in the atmosphere to make this happen. It goes around corners, up chimneys, across continents. Surely it is a huge disturbance. Can't you feel it? A certain crackling in the air? And before about 1980, it was not like this at all.

What a relief it would be if we found global warming was caused by the internet. Fossil-fuel-believing scientists say the only way to stop global warming is to immediately stop the use of fossil fuel. Stop it and the temperature goes down. But to do that we have to go back to the way things were in 1800, before the Industrial Revolution. We have to live like the Founding Fathers did. Horses. Farms. Agriculture. Wood. Iron. It seems impossible.

But if the cause of global warming is the internet, all we have to do is go back to 1970. Cut off Microsoft, Apple, Google, Facebook and Twitter. As I recall, before 1970, we had books and magazines, telephones attached with cords, and reel-to-reel movies. Remember photo albums? Remember talking to one another? Ask your parents. It would be easy to go back to 1970.

There is only one way to find out if it's the internet. We have to stop using the internet for five years. Set down our phones and computers. Stop throwing wave after wave of bandwidth and WiFi into the sky. Puncture the cloud. Imprison people who are caught breaking the law. If the temperature around the world starts to drop after of five years, we'll know. Not so bad, is it?

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Top 10 DansPapers.com Stories of 2019

VETERANS FOUND SOLACE AT STRONGPOINT THEINERT RANCH

BY DAVID TAYLOR

In the final stretch of 2019, let's take a look back at the stories that touched your hearts, piqued your interest and compelled you to share with your friends. These are our top 10 stories on DansPapers.com.

A Monumental Issue
"The Shinnecock Monument: Hamptons Outrage Always Fades"

The single most controversial addition to the Hamptons' long list of landmarks was the Shinnecock Monument, standing 62 feet tall over the Hampton Bays stretch of Sunrise Highway, land that the Shinnecock Nation claims to rightfully own. The electronic billboard garnered attention from *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, which poked fun at the angry Hamptonites who labeled it an eyesore, and from the National Tribal Council, which declared their support as the case of ownership worked its way up the federal court system. During Dan Rattiner's 60 years in Hamptons journalism, he's seen the same response over the Rennert Mansion and Bridge Golf Club, and he knows the opposition never lasts.

THE SAG HARBOR CINEMA BEGAN TO RISE AGAIN

Rising from the Ashes
"Sag Harbor Cinema Sign Lights Up Main Street on Memorial Day Weekend"

The devastating fire that felled Sag Harbor Cinema in 2016 brought the community together in a powerful way, with supporters raising millions of dollars to rebuild the façade. In 2019, a crowd gathered around the movie theater on Memorial Day weekend to witness the iconic neon Sag Harbor sign re-lit. Now, we eagerly await its grand re-opening in 2020.

Youthful Hijinks
"The Great Artists & Writers Game Heist of 1988"

Every year, Oliver Peterson and the rest of the editorial team brainstorm exciting new ways to raise awareness of the annual Artists & Writers Charity Softball Game, but in 2019, Peterson took us back to 1988, when his 11-year-old mind had a different plan in mind for the game. After swiping a sheet of "tickets," he and a friend made a small fortune selling them in the Reutershan parking lot, and then went on a shopping frenzy before a very angry Peachy gave chase. The full story is right out of a coming-of-age movie and offers a unique look into the wild youth of *Dan's Papers'* longest running editor.

Cooking with Claudia
"Celebrating the Superlative Claudia Fleming's 'Last Course'"

North Fork Table & Inn owner Claudia Fleming

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CLAUDIA FLEMING REFLECTED ON HER CAREER IN FOOD

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JUDITH KASEN-WINDSOR RECALLED HER LOVE FOR LATE WIFE EDIE WINDSOR

isn't the doyenne of North Fork dining for nothing—with her recently re-released cookbook, *The Last Course*, showcasing 175 of her famous creations, and her restaurant claiming multiple Dan's Best of the Best awards year after year. For Fleming, it's not about the fame or accolades, though—it's about fun. In the interview, she discusses her journey, her cookbook and her love of parsnips.

From Loss, Springs Hope
"East Enders Offer Veterans Path to Healing at Strongpoint Theinert Ranch"

This Veterans Day, we discovered a retreat in New Mexico serving vets across the country that was started by a Shelter Island family looking to turn the tragedy of losing a son and brother into a mission of hope and healing for the warriors who do make it home. In this powerful piece, Jimbo Theinert shares about the incredible work Strongpoint Theinert Ranch is doing and about his late brother, 1st Lt. Joseph Theinert, who inspired the program.

A Wonder-fowl Donation
"The Big Duck: Pouran and Kia Eshghi's Gift to the East End"

Few East End landmarks are as immediately recognizable as the Big Duck in Flanders, and were it not for former owners Kia and Pouran Eshghi generously donating it to Suffolk County, the roadside oddity might have been lost to history. We sat down with the Eshghis to discuss the overwhelming joy and nostalgia they felt when they purchased the Duck in the '80s, their original plans for it and the pain of giving it up.

What's SUP?
"Gina Bradley Helps East End Women Find Their Inner Paddle Diva"

Based in Springs, Gina Bradley has evolved her Paddle Diva stand-up paddleboarding (that's what's SUP) operation into a successful East End lifestyle brand with a clothing and product line, a new book and a wealth of sage advice for women looking to pursue a life of fitness and empowerment.

Looking for Riches in All the Wrong Places
"How to Hunt for Treasure on the North Fork: A Tale of Peril"

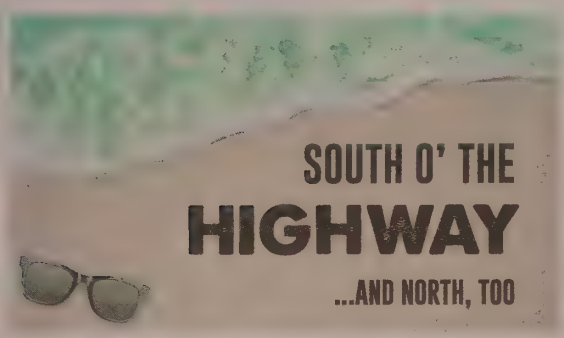
Always on the hunt for a good story, as soon as Lee Meyer learned of a mysterious treasure map vending machine at Greenie Supply & Tackle in Southold, he was on the case. Recruiting his family for the adventure, he attempted to follow two different maps to their respective buried booty, but ultimately wound up stumped. On a totally unrelated note (*wink*), Greenie Supply & Tackle has since added a map hints page to their website.

Love Worth Fighting For
"LGBT History in the Hamptons: Edie Windsor's Heart and Soul"

In celebration of LGBT History Month, we kicked off a series of stories about the heritage of the gay experience on the East End, starting with the tale of the late Edie Windsor, whose landmark Supreme Court case *United States v. Windsor* overturned Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, and her second wife Judith Kasen-Windsor. The series gave queer East Enders the chance to share their truth and make keen observations about the gay social scene today versus its heyday.

Our Unique East End
"Summer Superlatives 2019: East End Icons"

In June, we released an extra special list of the 100 must-see, must-do and must-know scoops on food, arts, lifestyle and icons of the Hamptons and North Fork. We determined the Most Misattributed Street Name, Premier Place to Watch Shooting Stars, Most Difficult-to-Find Public Art, Heaviest Slice of Pizza and a wide variety of other categories showcasing deep-cuts in your own backyard.



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February 15: South Fork supermodel **Christie Brinkley** took her first runway walk with daughter **Sailor** during New York Fashion Week. The pair participated in **Elie Tahari**'s show celebrating his 45th anniversary.

February 22: South Fork supermodel **Christy Turlington** recently returned to the runway after a 25-year break. Turlington surprised fans by closing out **Marc Jacobs**' New York Fashion Week show in a black feather dress. Her last Marc Jacobs show was in 1993.

March 1: East Hampton's **Steven Spielberg** has acquired film rights to *The Spire in the Woods*, a popular ghost story by **Tony Lunedi**. The tale, originally released in 10 Reddit posts in 2013, follows a teen as he tries to solve the mystery of his friend's death—and finds himself in spooky trouble.

March 15: Congratulations, **Jennifer Lopez**! The actress, singer and Water Mill resident became engaged to former New York Yankee **Alex Rodriguez** last weekend. The happy couple has been dating for two years.

March 22: East Hampton's **Hugh Jackman** will return to the Great White Way for *The Music Man*. Jackman, who earned a Tony Award for his performance in *The Boy From Oz*, will play Harold Hill, a sneaky salesman who poses as a marching band organizer to sell instruments and lessons to unsuspecting townsfolk. *The Music Man* hits Broadway October 22.

SAILOR BRINKLEY-COOK WITH MOM CHRISTIE BRINKLEY

March 29: Martha Stewart, who has published almost 100 books to date, is now working on her autobiography. She expects it to hit shelves "in about three years," when Stewart will be 80.

April 5: Alec Baldwin will play John DeLorean in an upcoming documentary. *Framing John DeLorean* will use archival footage and reenactments to tell the famed automaker's fascinating story. *Framing John DeLorean* hits theaters June 7.

April 26: Material Girl fans, rejoice! Bridgehampton's **Madonna** announced last week that a new album, *Madame X*, is in the works. Teased Madonna in an Instagram post, "Madame X is a secret agent traveling around the world. Changing identities. Bringing light to dark places. Madame X is a dancer. A professor. A head of state. An equestrian. A prisoner...I'm Madame X." Madonna's last album, *Rebel Heart*, was released in 2015.

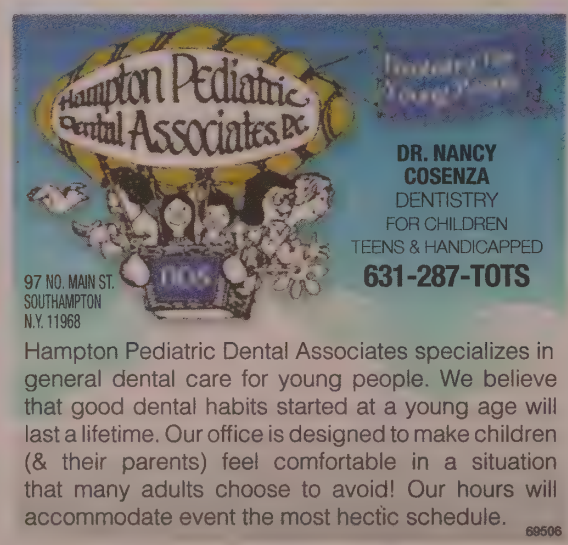
May 3: Congratulations, **Ethan Greenridge**! The Riverhead High School alum was signed by the New Orleans Saints during the 2019 NFL Draft last weekend. Greenridge played 43 games as an offensive tackle during his four years at Villanova University.

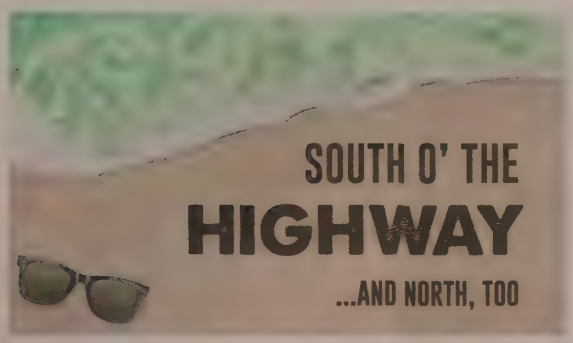
May 9: Sag Harbor resident **Billy Joel** turned 70 years old today, but rather than lie back and take in the milestone moment at home, he's celebrating his birthday with thousands of fans at Madison Square Garden. The sold-out show marks his 64th consecutive concert at the NYC venue, part of his once-a-month residency which began there in January 2014. This May 9 show is also Joel's 110th all-time performance at The Garden.

May 24: Paris Hilton recently released a new song called "Best Friend's Ass." The music video, which has not been released yet, will feature **Kim Kardashian**. The heiress has been making headlines left and right. On East Ender **Andy Cohen**'s *Watch What Happens Live*, Hilton called **Lindsay Lohan** "...lame and embarrassing."

May 31: Happy Anniversary, **Sarah Jessica Parker** and **Matthew Broderick**! The longtime Bridgehampton residents celebrated more than two decades of marriage on May 19. Posting a throwback photo on Instagram, Parker said, "22 years, 8,030 days. And a billion memories. Happy anniversary baby. X, SJ."

June 14: There's no chart East Hampton's **Jay-Z** can't climb. According to *Forbes*, the hip-hop mogul and businessman is now the first billionaire rapper. In addition to an impressive music catalog, the title was earned thanks to Jay-





Z's many investments, including a $70 million stake in Uber, a $70 million art collection, Roc Nation, his sports management company, Tidal, his streaming service and more.

July 7: Fans of Sagaponack's **Jimmy Fallon** know that the host of The Tonight Show on NBC loves to play original, wacky games with his celebrity guests. Toy company Hasbro has announced that some of the games Fallon has played on the show will soon be available on store shelves, including Box of Lies, The Face It Challenge and The Best Friend Challenge.

July 12: Hamptons regular **Colson Whitehead** recently graced the cover of *TIME* magazine. In an accompanying article, the Pulitzer Prize–winning author shares the inspiration for his books, including Sag Harbor, his 2010 novel. Said Whitehead, "The intent is for me to figure out through my art how America works, how people work, and hopefully readers come along for the ride."

July 26: Scarlett Johansson will officially star as the title character in Marvel's Black Widow, the first film in "Phase 4" of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, set to be release May 1, 2020.

August 30: Farewell, **Bethenny Frankel**! The Bridgehampton businesswoman and longtime star of Bravo's *Real Housewives of New York City* announced last week that she's leaving the show. Frankel was an original castmember for the series' debut season in 2008. She left during the third season to film her own spin-off, *Bethenny Getting Married*, and rejoined *Housewives* for its seventh season in 2014.

September 13: Jimmy Buffett made a surprise appearance at the Surf Lodge in Montauk on Labor Day. The North Haven singer joined **Willie Nelson**'s son, **Lukas**, onstage for a few songs. Delighted audience members included **Anjelica Huston**, **Lorraine Bracco** and **John Varvatos**.

September 20: The show must go on! **Sailor Brinkley-Cook** has had to step in for mom **Christie Brinkley** on the new season of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* after Christie suffered a major arm injury during rehearsals.

October 18: Drew Barrymore is coming to the small screen. After filming a daytime talk show pilot last summer, the North Haven actress has received the green light from CBS Television Distribution. Said Barrymore in a statement, "It is beyond my wildest dreams to have this opportunity for a daily talk show. I'm truly thrilled and honored to be creating this show with CBS."

November 1: After several name changes over several years, **Sean "Diddy" Combs** has decided on another. The East Hampton hip-hop mogul submitted a petition in Los Angeles County court last week to legally change his name to Sean "**Love**" Combs.

November 8: Showtime's *The Affair* aired its series finale on November 3. The episode was set entirely in Montauk in both the present and future. *The Affair* aired for five seasons.

December 20: The game ball goes to Quogue's **Eli Manning**. The New York Giants quarterback walked off the field at MetLife Stadium with a win over the Miami Dolphins on December 15 in what was likely his final home start for Big Blue. The potential future Pro Football Hall of Famer celebrated with his wife and four kids, who greeted him with open arms in the stadium tunnel after the game.

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This Week's Cover Artist: Keith Mantell

Born and raised on Long Island, Keith Mantell has had a lifelong love affair with art. His work has been seen throughout the East End and he is a member of Plein Air Peconic.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

I always keep my eye out for something that could make an interesting painting. Usually it's some kind of great composition. I do a lot of plein air painting, which involves driving around exploring and hoping to find good subject matter. Sometimes it's easy to find something. Some days it's not. When I'm just out and about and if I see something, if I can, I'll take a few pictures. If I can't, I try to remember the scene at that certain time or try to get back there. Which never works because it always looks different every single day of the year! In this painting, these two were horsing around in a snowstorm near where I live on the North Fork. They met face-to-face and paused to see who will break first. Two chess pieces waiting for the game to ensue. I liked the relationship between them and that composition with those big snowflakes allowed me to keep the whole thing loose and expressionistic.

Describe your artistic style.

Loose and expressionistic. Actually, I make it a point to look at so much art. That way I can absorb all different styles. I try to be unique. I don't want my style to be similar to anyone else, but I suppose I've had a few major influences over the years. It's more an amalgam of all the artists I have ever looked at and interpreting and incorporating them in my way of putting the paint down. Hopefully, it's my own language and vocabulary. Painterly abstracted naturalistic realism. Something like that.

How has teaching art to others inspired you?

I get to pass along all the tidbits about technique and art history I've developed and learned over the years and see how students apply them to their work. I see how they interpret them and come up with their own unique take on something. It's a good feeling to know I've added to somebody's artistic knowledge and that they may pass it along. It's being part of the creative collective that I find inspiring.

What is your proudest achievement?

Proud achievements? Sure, many. I'll bet I felt that way the day when by myself, I first tied my shoes. Proudest achievement? Never considered it. Maybe I'm still waiting for that one.

What are some of your favorite places on the East End to draw inspiration from?

That's a tough one. Any day, anywhere can be *the* spot. It may be a farm field in Riverhead or at the beach seeing a person in just the right setting. Maybe a little goat at a farm stand has it one day or a boatyard in Greenport the next. Here on the North Fork there are so many places to get inspired. I try to be open to all of it so my subject matter stays fresh.

What does the holiday season mean to you?

Time to reconnect with old friends and traditions, make new ones. Spend time with family. Overeat. And I hope to drink some really fine wine.

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Top Hamptons and North Fork Art Moments of 2019

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THE LONG AND EXCITING CAREER OF MICKEY PARASKEVAS WAS CELEBRATED AT SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER IN 2019

The East End has long stood as a bastion and hub for visual arts greatness. It's something about the incredible light, our list of art legends past and present, and the stable of brilliant and ambitious emerging artists creating in a variety of media.

With 2019 coming to a close, it's again time to look back over the last 12 months and choose the standout moments that defined our year and the trajectory of fine art in the Hamptons and North Fork.

MICKEY PARASKEVAS' PAINT YOUR WORLD

In September, Southampton Arts Center opened *Paint Your World*, a 40-year retrospective look at the paintings, illustrations and cartoons by prolific Southampton artist Mickey Paraskevas. Yes, he has a well-known and longstanding connection to *Dan's Papers*, but there's no denying that this was 2019's ultimate can't-miss show. Paraskevas gave visitors a truly wide ranging look at his mastery of many styles, as well as his numerous iconic characters, as seen in children's books, animated TV shows and comic strips. The main gallery immediately grabbed our attention with its giant, inflatable Beast from Nickelodeon's *Maggie and the Ferocious Beast*, and his brilliant and beautifully presented paintings, from *Dan's Papers* covers to surreal scenes and dark visions from *Lord of the Flies*, kept us rapt from beginning to end. And the artist stayed involved with talks, visits and tours throughout.

DAVID SLATER AT MM GALLERY

Though he may be best identified as a Sag Harbor artist, mixed media painter David Slater's relatively recent move to Springs seems to have brought out the greatest work in his already illustrious career. His show at Southampton's MM Fine Art this November, including its transcendent centerpiece "Jackson and Lee in Paradise," proved that, at 79, Slater just keeps getting better. In our glowing review, we described the work as "a kaleidoscopic stew mixing personal memoir, local history, myth and dreams, each imbued with layers of symbols and meaning." Every collaged scrap, word, number and robustly rendered figure in his canvases represents a deeply considered choice. Nothing in his compositions is window dressing or placed by happenstance. There's a reason why we suggested, "Slater might just be the East End art world's most unrecognized genius."

TICKHAMPTON, ART BY PATRICK LANE

With all our art-world big shots and local darlings, area art fans can overlook the little guys who are often doing some of the most interesting work. In August, Montauk artist, skateboarder and filmmaker Patrick Lane mounted his *Tickhampton* pop-up at an appropriately alternative venue—Best Pizza & Dive Bar in Amagansett. Billed as a response to the state of Lane's hometown, especially during the madness of summer, the short-lived show featured an array of truly unique mixed media assemblage, collage and even some traditional paintings. He's boiled it down to a simple, tongue-in-cheek, manifesto: "The Tickhampton movement is a backlash to the exorbitance in the Hamptons that has crawled its way east into Montauk. Tickhampton celebrates the dichotomy between the sinister nature of ticks and one of the most decadent places in America. Everyone has a tick story." As we said in August, it was all wonderfully punk rock and totally refreshing.

NORTH FORK ART DISTRICT TOUR

Thanks to an inspired idea by Alex Ferrone of the Alex Ferrone Gallery and Mary Cantone of William Ris, the North Fork had a chance to show off its art world cred with the first-ever North Fork Art District Tour in August. This self-guided adventure sent participants to look at area galleries and an artist's studio where guests enjoyed special exhibitions, creative demonstrations and artist meet-and-greets. Guests were encouraged to roam the North Fork in-between art destinations—which could be visited in any order—and explore all of the region's cultural offerings, shops, farm stands and bucolic natural beauty, including picturesque farms and vineyards. The day concluded with an evening of local food and wine, a live art auction and complimentary special edition art gifts. A second tour ran in October. Let's hope there's more to come as the North Fork expands its reach as a premier art and culture destination.

LOCAL ART MAKES WAVES IN CONGRESS

An old Hamptons art story gained new life in February when President Donald Trump's former personal attorney and fixer Michael Cohen testified before Congress about his old boss's misdeeds. Imagine our surprise when talk turned to Trump's 2013 purchase of East Hampton artist William Quigley's portrait of the then-reality TV star for $60,000. According to Cohen, Trump used his Trump Foundation charitable organization to buy the painting through a "fake bidder" in order to make sure his picture would sell for the highest price of any portrait that day. The news, which hit outlets worldwide during Cohen's testimony, referred to original reporting from a 2015 *Dan's Papers* article about the transaction. As we explained at the time, "Quigley says he received word before the auction that Trump may want the painting, so he better raise the starting bid so as not to embarrass Trump." Eventually, these things always end up coming to light.

BONUS: LIBERTY DAN STATUE UNVEILED

We couldn't recount the year's artistic achievements without mentioning Dan Rattiner's second iconic statue, which can now be seen standing proudly at the Southampton Audi dealership. The piece, created by Behind the Fence Gallery, marked Dan's 60th summer running this fine paper, and it made a perfect companion to our earlier Lobster Dan statue, which can still be found on Hills Station Road in Southampton!

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20 East End Food and Wine New Year's Resolutions for 2020

New Year's Resolutions don't all have to revolve around making huge life choices—you can make a resolution to expand your horizons and try something new. Here are 20 resolutions for 2020 to make the most of East End eating!

LEARN TO APPRECIATE OYSTERS

All these chefs and food savvy folks can't be entirely wrong. Oysters have long been a stumbling block in some people's food-appreciation journey, so it's time to figure out how to enjoy the delicious local delicacy. You might even find a pearl in the process.

INVENT AND EAT THE WEIRDEST BURGER POSSIBLE AT THE EAST END'S BURGER JOINTS

The East End has myriad restaurants for burger lovers. After you've savored the carefully crafted creations found on their menus, concoct your own wacky burger creations from all sorts of crazy toppings.

MAKE YOURS MEATLESS

Even devout meat eaters can enjoy plant-based options when given the opportunity. As we enter a new decade in 2020, this is a great time to seek out and try some of the best plant-based meals at East End restaurants. And we're not talking salads. Let's see what our talented chefs can do with meat alternatives, whether it's Beyond Meat, Impossible Burgers, seitan, tofu, tempeh or something of their own invention.

FIND OUT, ONCE AND FOR ALL, WHO MAKES YOUR FAVORITE LOBSTER ROLL

The Twin Forks are home to a wide array of this decadent regional delight in various styles. It's hard to choose a favorite when devouring them weeks or years apart. This year, try as many as possible, complete with tasting notes, over the span of a weekend. When it's over, you may never want to eat another lobster roll for as long as you live. But, really, what are the chances?

JOIN A LOCAL WINE CLUB

Most of Long Island's wineries and vineyards have membership clubs, with benefits like special events, complimentary tastings, early releases and exclusive bottles. If you find yourself frequenting the same winery over and over, why not join their club for some fun perks?

EMBRACE THE SPECIAL

Let's face it—we all love familiarity. But with so many talented chefs heading up East End restaurants, there is ample opportunity to try their limited-time specials and taste something new.

MASTER THE ART OF FRENCH COOKING

Chef Arie Pavlou of Water Mill's Bistro Été holds cooking classes throughout the year. These special sessions include a cocktail demo, a cooking demonstration and then, of course, a delicious wine dinner.

STRAW POLL

Those paper straws we've been sticking in our iced coffees and iced teas and sodas and smoothies are better for the environment, but have you actually met somebody, anybody, who has been able to figure out how to make them last through even half a drink before going soggy? Now, vow to either find that person and spread his or her teachings, or instead let's indulge in some reusable glass, metal or even bamboo straws and put the paper versions out of their (and our) misery.

GIVE EXTREME EATING A TRY

Once you get to like oysters, move on to truly dangerous dining and try some fugu. Life's much more interesting with a bit of risk. If not fugu, try some fresh Long Island blowfish. The northern puffer or, as our elders called it back in the day, sea squab, is making a comeback in our waters.

TRY EVERY BRIERMERE PIE

Apple. Cherry. Chocolate. It's impossible to drive past Briermere Farms on Sound Avenue in Riverhead and not be tempted to buy one of their famous pies. In 2020, become a regular shopper at this North Fork staple and try every flavor. You don't need a special occasion to enjoy the buttery, flaky crust and fabulous fillings Briermere has to offer.

TRY EVERY RECIPE IN ONE (OR MORE) EAST END COOKBOOK

The East End is home to many a culinary luminary—including Martha Stewart, Katie Lee, Claudia Fleming, John Ross, Ina Garten, David Burtka and Jean-Georges Vongerichten—and these great minds and other experts have written down their best recipes and sage wisdom in cookbooks. This year, it's time to learn from the masters by picking up one of their tomes and trying every recipe found inside. Perfect your seafood dishes with Citarella owner Joe Gurrera's *Joe Knows Fish*; hone your skill on the

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barbecue with *Martha Stewart's Grilling*; indulge in sweet desserts in Fleming's *The Last Course*; or cleanse your body with healthy cooking from Gwyneth Paltrow's *The Clean Plate*. Beginners should consider picking up Sybille van Kempen's *Bridgehampton Inn & Restaurant Look + Cook Book*, which includes a QR code for easy-to-follow video tutorials. Burtka's *Life Is a Party* even includes various party music playlists along with over 100 recipes.

GET ACTIVE AND ARTSY WITH WINE GLASS IN HAND

Many New Year's resolutions involve exercising more or learning a new skill, and the East End offers opportunities to accomplish both of those goals while also sipping a healthy amount of premier local wines. East End Bike Tours are a great way to see the North Fork countryside, homes and farm stands and to enjoy wine tastings at local vineyards along the way. The Salty Canvas offers paint and sip classes that make a great way to break into art in a comfortable, wine-filled setting.

TASTE CUISINE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING THE EAST END

The East End is a veritable melting pot of cuisine from across the globe, though it's easy to fall into a rut of ordering the same handful of dishes at every restaurant you patronize. Resolve to try dishes from (at least) 20 countries, which can be done without needing to leave the area. DansBOTB.com can get you started with categories for the best Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Italian, Mexican, French and Turkish cuisine. Venturing out into the Hamptons and North Fork, you'll also discover restaurants serving Jamaican, Guatemalan, Columbian, Thai, Peruvian, Irish, Indian, Spanish, German, Polish, Salvadoran, Dominican and American (obviously).

DINE AT EVERY TASTE OF SUMMER CHEF'S RESTAURANT

With the immense popularity of the Dan's Taste of Summer (TOS) lineup of events, it's likely that many have tasted the culinary creations of TOS veterans Drew Hiatt, Stephan Bogardus, Robby Beaver, Arthur Wolf, Matty Boudreau, Scott Kampf and a long list of other top area chefs. But have you ever tasted their cuisine at their respective home restaurants? Part of the fun of Rosé Soirée, GrillHampton, Taste of Two Forks, MonTaco and the other events is discovering new restaurants to add into your rotation of brunch, dinner and party destinations.

WATCH THE SUPER BOWL AT A BEST OF THE BEST SPORTS BAR

If making an ongoing New Year's resolution seems too daunting, set a simple, one-and-done goal that's easy to accomplish and super fun to do—like watching Super Bowl LIV at one of Dan's Best of the Best Sports Bars. February 2, make the decision to try something new and head to 78 Foster Restaurant & Bar, The Clubhouse, The Corner Bar or The Point Bar & Grill in the Hamptons; or Founders Tavern, Phil's Restaurant & Sports Lounge, Smitty's All-American Grill at The All Star or Legends Restaurant on the North Fork.

DRINK WITH A WINEMAKER, BREWMASTER OR DISTILLER

Rough Rider Bourbon. Montauk Brewing Company Driftwood Ale. Wölffer "Pink" Gin. Greenport Harbor Brewing Company Leaf Pile Ale. If it is brewed or distilled on the East End, we should be drinking it. And to elevate the experience, let's all take advantage of the unique access we are afforded to the brewmasters and distillers—to say nothing of the winemakers at more than 50 vineyards and wineries—who are happy to share insights into and stories behind those tantalizing libations in our glasses.

HOOK IT, COOK IT

The East End is one of the world's great fishing areas, as the seafood on menus from Montauk to Mattituck will confirm. When it's locally sourced, it's simply better...and you can't get much more local than what comes off a line you drop in the water and reel yourself. Get on a boat, get your gear and cast into the surf—blues, stripers, the ocean is your oyster.

GET A CSA SHARE

Enjoying the glory of the local bounty from farms on the North Fork and in the Hamptons takes an investment from us all, and few investments will pay dividends as delicious as what you'll get back from a Community Share Agriculture (CSA) plan. Seasonal, farm-fresh produce is something to be savored year-round, so why not start now?

CREATE A LOCAL CHEESE PLATE

We all know about the fish and fowl and fresh vegetables and fruits that abound here on the East End, but let's make it a point to become well-versed in the fabulous *fromage* being created here as well. Goodale Farms, Catapano Dairy Farm and Mecox Bay Dairy and others are but a few of the excellent spots to stop for a cheesy celebration.

SAVOR AND SIP AT DAN'S TASTE OF TWO FORKS 10TH SUMMER CELEBRATION

For those of you who recall that special moment in 2011 when we all raised a glass at the very first Dan's Taste of Two Forks, here's another round of cheers to the premier showcase of the food, wine and culinary culture that have made the East End a gastronomic getaway that is second to none anywhere in the world. This July, make sure you join us as we bring together the top chefs, winemakers and purveyors of the delicious for a bash like no other to celebrate a decade of decadent dining, wondrous winemaking and more at Dan's Taste of Two Forks—the superlative summertime celebration!

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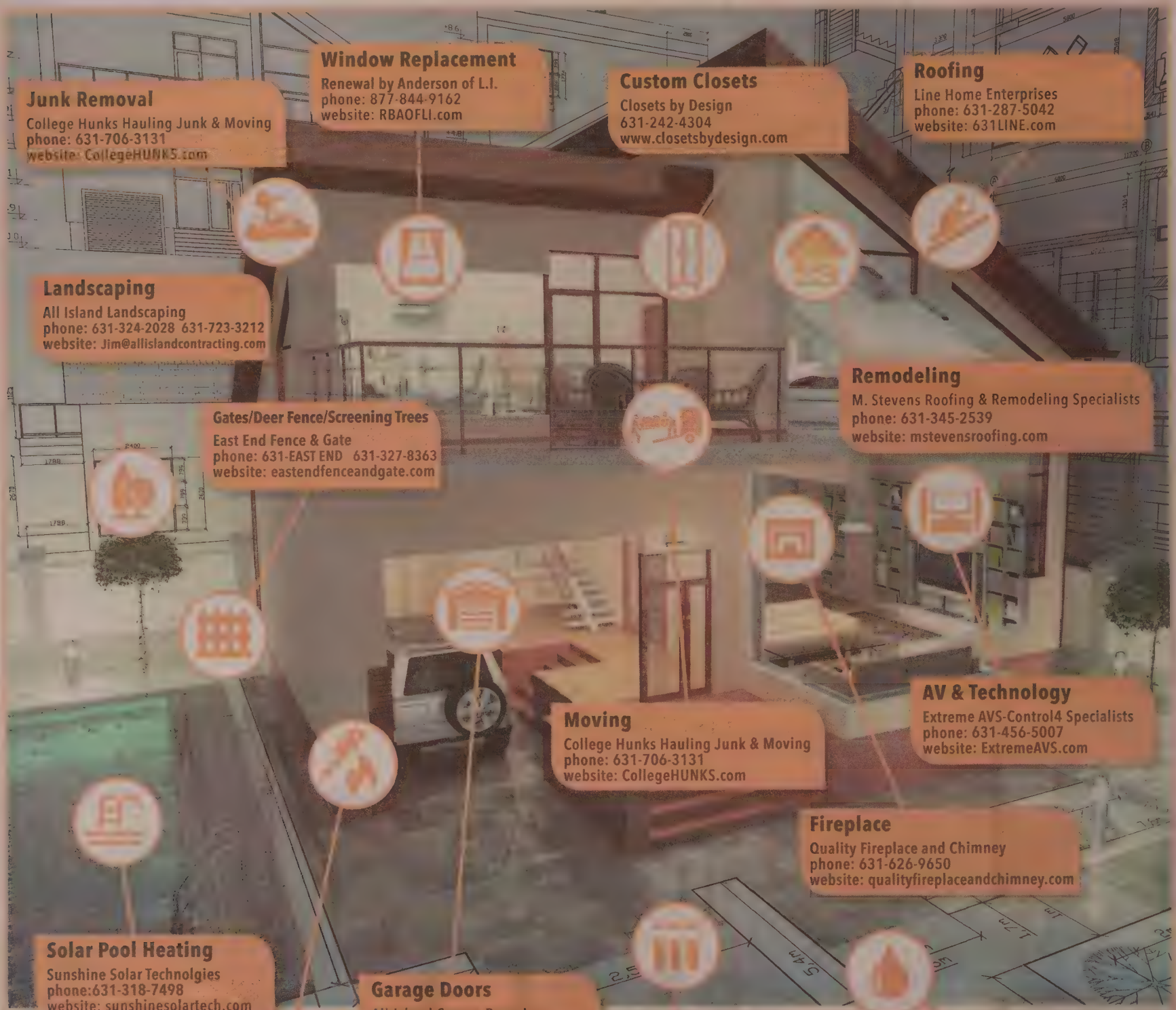

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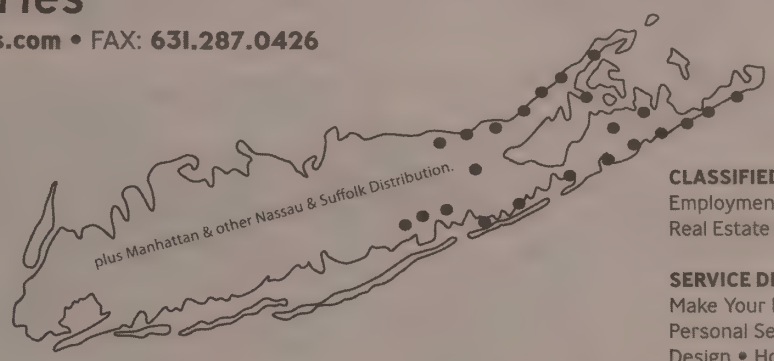

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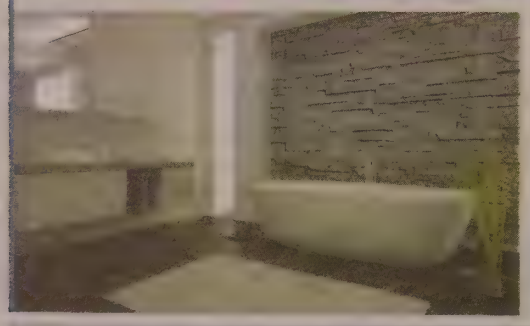

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Real Estate & Law: A Look Back at 2019 and a Look Ahead

Over the course of 2019, there were so many pieces of newly enacted substantive laws that control the sales, rentals and litigation landscape of real estate. If we recapped each of these new 2019 laws, this article would likely span well over 50 pages. Yet, it is imperative that we all learn about these laws, because law is what controls our lives, livelihood and society.

My career is divided between managing a law firm, litigating on behalf of my clients and training real estate brokers to comply with the laws of their field. During 2019, I again and again was faced with a particularly acute dismissal of many of the laws that control our lives, from brokers, my litigation clients and even the purchasers and sellers who worked with my firm. This saddens me. It does not sadden me that individuals disagree with the law, because that is healthy and constructive. Instead, it saddens me that individuals believe they do not need to follow a law that they disagree with. Remember, a law is what it is until it's not. I share with you some highlights of the extraordinary changes to the law.

Chief among the new 2019 real estate laws were new rental laws, the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act, which was enacted by way of a 74-page, single-spaced bill that changed the rental landscape throughout the state as we know it. This bill addressed rent regulated units, market rate units, conversions of rental units into owned units, and mobile parks. It is responsible for capping prepaid rent at one month, preventing landlords, and their agents, from employing many strategies to screen tenants, creating security deposit inspection and refund rules, providing a path for rent regulations to be enacted in new communities throughout the state, and so much more.

Beyond the new rental law typhoon, we had advances in housing discrimination laws and a renewed consciousness about the seriousness of these laws. First, there was a new statewide law that offered protection to tenants from being denied housing based upon their lawful source of income, which is the number one reason that housing discrimination claims exist in many communities where it was previously applicable. As a result, the act of demanding a W2 from a prospective tenant is an act of discrimination because it causes working to be a prerequisite to renting. Beyond new discrimination laws, we had a renewed focus on discrimination claims. We started the year with the #MeToo movement and ended it with *Newsday*'s findings of their three-year investigation, "Long Island Divided." Now, congressional hearings are underway to combat racial steering in our communities and further protections are expected in the decade ahead.

Beyond laws about rentals and discrimination, 2019 also offered a bill that protected reverse mortgage borrowers by specifically requiring that such borrowers are afforded legal representation when closing on these loans. There was a law that gave disabled tenants the opportunity to cancel their leases if they needed to move into an assisted living facility. There was a law to protect domestic violence victims from being evicted if they called the police for self-protection from their abusers. This past year brought a new deed transfer notice law that provides for notice to the owner whenever a deed transfer is filed with the County Clerk so that homeowners can know if a fraudster is in the lurks. There was the LLC disclosure requirement, so that transacting parties could no longer hide behind a Limited Liability Company and pretend that they weren't the terrible sellers who flipped the house with ticky-tacky rather than nails.

The list of new laws goes on and on and on. Yet, these laws don't explain 2019 and what this past year was all about—2019 was about politics, plain and simple. We had impeachment, and nothing else seemed to matter. No, impeachment isn't a real estate law, nor did impeachment directly impact real estate law, but the polarized political landscape that swooped in with the impeachment hearings has affected everything.

As a society, our political climate has never been more charged. Politics has caused each of us to forget the distinction between our respect for the rule of law and our vision for a more perfect union. We have forgotten that following existing law is not a choice but, instead, an obligation with serious repercussions.

Yes, our opinions matter, and we should all be active in politics so that we can have our voices heard. We should write politicians, lobby and even run for office. However, during this past year we were charged to label anything that we disagree with as "fake news" and to challenge the legitimacy of laws or risk being labelled as traitors to our tribe, whether it be Democrat or Republican.

Please understand that this issue is not particular to either political party, but instead it is an issue of the tribal politics under which we now operate as a whole society. We now hear everything through a lens of evaluation where we must first take a position as to whether we agree with it as right or disagree with it as wrong before we decide if we have an obligation to follow it as a binding law of the land. Make no mistake, following only the laws that we agree with is very dangerous. It is very dangerous for individuals, in their personal lives, when they believe that their opinion matters more than it does, and this is particularly dangerous when those opinions are with respect to the legitimacy of laws that control our lives, including real estate laws.

So, as we bring in 2020, I ask one thing. Respect the laws that were made by those who you oppose. Respect those laws because the legitimacy of the law that you support demands that your opposition also gives your laws respect. For if we stop respecting laws, what do we have?

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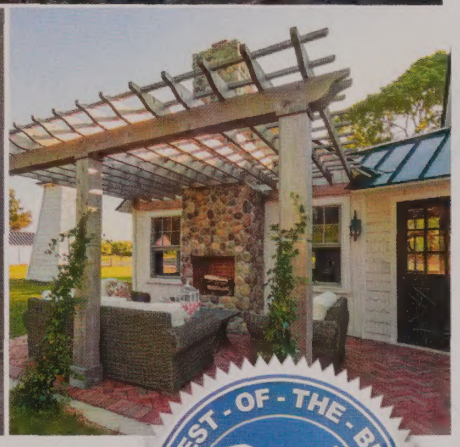

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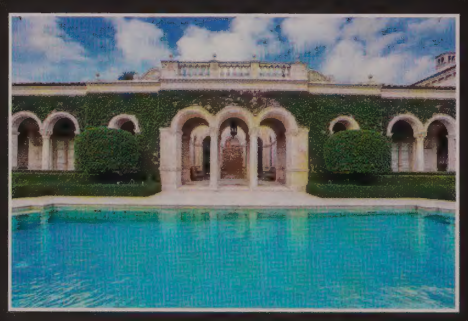

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